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In re application of :
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DATA TERMINAL EQUIPMENT

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TO REDUCE PTO FILING FEE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

In the Claims:

Kindly amend claims 5, 10, 15 and 20 as follows.

5. (Amended) The data terminal equipment according to claim 2, wherein said embedded data is moving-picture data and/or audio data.
10. (Amended) The data retrieval method according to claim 7, wherein said embedded data is moving-picture data and/or audio data.
15. (Amended) The recording medium according to claim 12, wherein said embedded data is moving-picture data and/or audio data.
20. (Amended) The program according to claim 17, wherein said embedded data is moving-picture data and/or audio data.

Kindly add new claims 21-24 as follows.

21. (New) The data terminal equipment according to claim 3, wherein said embedded data is moving-picture data and/or audio data.
22. (New) The data retrieval method according to claim 8, wherein said embedded data is moving-picture data and/or audio data.
23. (New) The recording medium according to claim 13, wherein said embedded data is moving-picture data and/or audio data.
24. (New) The program according to claim 18, wherein said embedded data is moving-picture data and/or audio data.

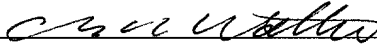
REMARKS

The above claim amendments are presented in order to remove multiple claim dependencies, so as to reduce the required filing fee.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "**Version with markings to show changes made.**"

Respectfully submitted,

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10 the embedded data included in the index data retrieved by said
index retrieval part, and

an authenticity confirmation part for confirming
the authenticity of said content data if said extraction part has
successfully extracted the watermark locator.

4. The data terminal equipment according to claim 1,
further comprising:

5 a display part for displaying a predetermined
warning if said authentication part has not confirmed the
authenticity of said content data.

5. The data terminal equipment according to claim 2
~~or 3~~, wherein

said embedded data is moving-picture data and/or audio
data.

6. In an information providing system where a server
provides content data stored therein to a data terminal equipment
placed on an information user side through a communications
network, a method of retrieving the content data by said data
5 terminal equipment, said method comprising:

a step of retrieving index data indicating said content
data;

a step of authenticating said content data based on the

10. The data retrieval method according to claim 7 ~~or~~
8, wherein

said embedded data is moving-picture data and/or audio
data.

11. A recording medium having a program stored therein,
said program for retrieving content data by a data terminal
equipment placed on an information user side in an information
providing system in which a server provides the content data
5 stored therein through a communications network, said program
comprising:

a step of retrieving index data indicating said content
data;

a step of authenticating said content data based on the
10 index data retrieved in said index retrieving step; and

a step of retrieving said content data from said server
only if authenticity of the said content data has been confirmed
in said authenticating step.

12. The recording medium according to claim 11,
wherein

said content data is assigned a locator indicating
information for specifying a storage location thereof,

5 said index data includes embedded data which is
embedded with said locator as an electronic watermark and to which

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10 a step of extracting, as a watermark locator, the
locator embedded as the electronic watermark from the embedded
data included in the index data retrieved in said index retrieving
step, and

a step of confirming the authenticity of said
content data if the watermark locator has been successfully
extracted in said extracting step.

14. The recording medium according to claim 11,
wherein

said program further comprises:

5 a step of displaying a predetermined warning if the
authenticity of said content data has not been confirmed in said
authenticating step.

15. The recording medium according to claim 12 ~~or 13~~,
wherein

said embedded data is moving-picture data and/or audio
data.

16. A program for retrieving content data by a data
terminal equipment placed on an information user side in an
information providing system in which a server provides the
content data stored therein through a communications network,
5 said program comprising:

20. The program according to claim 17 ~~or 18~~, wherein
said embedded data is moving-picture data and/or audio

data.